(EPA); Forest Act; Control in usage of hazardous chemicals, pesticide use—monitoring etc.).

(viii) Low cost environmental protection measures (to ensure development in harmony with environment).

(ix) Special programmes; such as Ganga Action Plan etc.

(x) Pollution control ;

(xi) Management of the" Commons".

(2) To review and assess the actual progress and achievements/shortfalls of the 7th Plan vis-a-vis the targets.

(3) To review the existing organisational structures/systems set up for implementation of programme in these sectors.

(4) To identify areas of high priority keeping in view the Plan objectives relating to socio-economic development of the country.

(5) To ensure environmental protection and conservation, forestry development and reclamation of the wastelands through appropriate packages of technology, services and govt. policies.

(6) To evolve a sustainable land and water use plan based on the classification of land into the following three major categories :

(i) Conservation areas ;

(ii) Restoration areas.

(iii) Sustainable intensification areas.

The aim should be to meet on a sustainable basis the needs for food, fodder, fuel, water, energy and indus-

7. To suggest linkages with other programmes and mechanisms strengthening the linkages between the Central and State Level organisations.

8. To give special consideration to important fragile ecosystems such as Himalayas, Islands, Westlands, Tropical moist forests and Cold and Hot Deserts.

9. To consider the decade profiles/reports from specific working groups in the areas of enviornment, forestry and wastelands development; and to integrate the programmes and priorities of these working groups with the national objectives and priorities.

10. To recommend financial requirements for these sectors ensuring the concept of zero based budgeting for the five year plan period.

Occupation of Private building by the Pay and Accounts Office, Department of Legal Affairs

4412. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Pay and Accounts Office attached to Department of legal Affairs, Government of India is occupying about 1200 sq. ft. area in a private building in Connaught Circus, New Delhi, since 1974 and paying a monthly rent of Rs. 4135/- p.m.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per Directorate of Estate policy guidelines on increase in rent by Government Offices occupying private premises, twenty five percent increase is to be allowed by Government every five year ; and

(c) if so, by when Government proposes to revise the rent of above premises and make payment of arrears to the concerned owners since 1979 onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Pay and Accounts Office is in occupation of the building since 1979 only.

(b) No, Sir. As per Directorate of Estates policy guidelines, an increase in rent is to be considered after 5 years on receipt of a request from the landlord, but the policy guidelines do not lay down any specific percentage of increase.

(c) Does not arise.

Court Cases Filed by NCC Officers/ Civilian Employees

4413. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the court cases pending against Government filed by NCC Officers and civilian employees of the NCC in each Directorate separately;

(b) the number of such cases decided by the court during the last three years;

(c) What is the number of court cases filed by NCC Officers and Civilian employees against Govrenment have been decided by the Courts in favour of plaintiffs/petitioners during the last three years;

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred by Government as cost and liability in the Court cases mentioned in part 'C' above; and

(e) whether Government have fixed responsibility of the officers whose actions caused litigations of the cases mentioned in part 'C' above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTA MANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The total number of pending court cases is 34. The Directorate-wise break up of the cases is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) 29 cases have been decided during the last three years.

(c) The number of such cases is 10.

(d) There is no separate head of expenditure for court cases and hence the total expenditure incurred by Government on such cases has not been separately computed.

(e) The cases in question do not call for such action. However, whenever any act of omission or commission leading to a litigation comes to the notice of Government the employee/employees responsible for such acts are dealt with according to the rules.

Statement

Name of NCC Directorate	No. of pending Court Cases
Andhra Pradesh	5
Bihar	5
Kerala & Lakshadeweep	2